

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Lars WINTHER et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1797
Application No.: 10/539,308	)	Examiner: Shogo Sasaki
Filed: June 16, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 2746
For: APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED	)	
PROCESSING BIOLOGICAL	)	
SAMPLES	)	

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2010, the period for response to which extends through June 21, 2010, by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are made in the attached Replacement Sheets and are discussed both on page 21 and in the **Remarks** section of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 22 of this paper.

**Attachments** to this Amendment include four (4) sheets of drawings, each labeled "Replacement Sheet," containing amended FIGs. 1-4.